

## Executive Director's Report

### January 27, 2005

#### **Commission Vacancy / Appointment:**

- We recently contacted the Governor's Office and were informed that they are still in the process of evaluating the applicants.

#### **Financial:**

- The Fund Balance ending December 31, 2004 was \$ 15,361,123.
- Revenues for the same period were \$ 652,559 and expenditures were \$182,907.
- The calendar year total revenues were \$12,143,570. Of that total \$7,456,168 came from fines & forfeitures and \$4,453,736 from the voluntary \$5 tax check-offs.

#### **Voter Education:**

- The latest Bulletin (Volume 2, Quarter 1) was distributed on 1/3/05.
- The monthly Email Blast was sent out on 1/12/05.
- An Opinion page article was submitted on 1/14/05 to coincide with the MLK holiday.
- A Telephone Research Survey to measure voter knowledge of the Clean Elections Act is underway.
- Our 2005 Education Campaign Plan is complete.
- Speaking Engagements for 2005 began on 1/18/05. So far, a total of 12 events have been scheduled in January, February and March.
- The CPA Brochure has been reprinted and will soon be mailed to approximately 1000 CPAs across Arizona.

#### **Legislation:**

- Legislative Council has conveyed the final draft of the Commission bill to the bill sponsors (Senator Waring & Representative Boone) and it is now awaiting introduction in both houses subject to modifications (if any) by the sponsors.
- A summary of the legislation has also been developed and potential co-sponsors are being contacted.
- At this time we are monitoring nine other bills that relate to the law or which we believe have potential to be amended in a manner which may impact us. These have also been summarized in a matrix.

#### **Enforcement:**

- I have recused myself on the following enforcement matters: Vote-by-Mail Center, Colette Rosati, David Burnell Smith, Pamela Gorman, Rick Murphy, Ron Gould.

#### **Other Projects & Items:**

- 2004 Annual Report: Near finalization.
- 2005-06 Strategic Plan: Currently being revised.
- Business Continuity Plan: Will be revised pending Commission approval.
- Electronic Fund Transfers: We have met with the Dept. of Administration regarding the potential for improving the EFT process. The first meeting was very promising and we are following up with the next round of contacts.
- 2005-06 Candidate Timelines: The new timeline is under development and near completion.
- Washington State: The CEI's Barbara Lubin was invited to testify before the Washington State Legislature. To assist in the effort we provided annual reports and offered other materials.